THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) While the revised series of CPI with 1982 as base has been released and has become effective from October, 1988, information on the average index of preceding 12 months is being furnished on the old base by applying the conversion factor to the new series released by the Ministry of. Labour.

| Month | CPI | | Average of 12 months ended |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 1982=100 | 1960=100 | |
| April, 1989 | 167 | 823 | 807.50 |
| May, 1989 | 169 | 833 | 812.67 |
| June, 1989 | 170 | 838 | 817.33 |

(b) The increase in CPI during the current financial year (up to June) has been only 2.4 per cent which is lower than the increase of 3.9 per cent recorded in the corresponding period of 1988. The increase in CPI during the period is not unusual as it is mainly due to normal seasonal factors associated with rise in prices of agricultural and agro-based commodities during the first half of the year.

(c) Government has taken a number of steps in the budget as well as outside the budget to contain rise in prices. These include strict control on budgetary deficit by restricting non-developmental expenditure, fiscal relief for manufactured items used by the common man, incentives for higher production and controlling growth of excess liquidity in the system. On the supply side efforts have been made to maintain adequate releases of essential commodities for the PDS.

**Water pollution**

2994. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have made any assessment regarding the quantum of waste water that enter into different rivers in the country which is causing water pollution;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to set up sewage/waste water treatment plants during the Seventh and Eighth Five Year Plan periods to check such pollution;

(d) if so, what are the details or the schemes undertaken or proposed to be undertaken in this regard;

(e) whether any foreign technology has been adopted for building up such treatment plants;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) what action is being taken to expedite the completion of the said projects ?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The estimated waste water generated in 5 of the 14 major river basins is as follows :—

| River Basin | Waste water generated in million cubic meter/ year |
|---|---|
| 1. Ganga | 808 |
| 2. Sabarmati | 285 |
| 3. Brahmani | 75 |
| 4. Krishna | 893 |
| 5. Subarnarekha | 91 |

The studies of river basins of the remaining 9 systems are under way.

(c) and (d) Steps have already been taken to set up or renovate 35 sewage treatment plants along the Ganga in the Seventh Plan period. A programme for Narmada is also under implementation by the Madhya Pradesh Government. Other State Governments have similar plans.

(e) and (f) Technology from the Netherlands has been adopted for teratment of tannery wastes in Kanpur. However, indigenous technology is mainly used.

(g) The Ministry of Environment and Forests, Ganga Project Directorate and the State Governments concerned are regularly monitoring the progress of the said projects.

**Loans advanced to farmers and industrialists in Orissa**

2995. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of farmers in Orissa who availed agricultural loan during the last three years and the number out of those who defaulted in its payment;

(b) what is the total loan disbursed and the quantum recovered from the defaulters by auctioning their mortgaged properties (moveable and immoveable);

(c) what is the number of industrialists who availed loan for setting up industries in Orissa during the same period, the quantum of loan disbursed and the number out of those who have been declared defaulters; and

(d) what is the quantum of loan recovered from them by auctioning their mortgaged properties (moveable and immoveable) ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d) The present data reporting system does not yield information in the manner asked for. However, the outstanding advances of Agriculture, Industry and the percentage of recovery to demand of direct agricultural advances in Orissa for the last three years are as under :

(Rs. in crores)
(Latest available)

| | Dec. 1985 | Dec. 1986 | June 1987 |
|---|---|---|---|
| I. *Agriculture* | 223.53 | 258.70 | 268.61 |
| Direct | 166.00 | 227.23 | 237.34 |
| Indirect | 57.53 | 31.47 | 31.27 |
| II. Industry | 279.39 | 364.91 | 466.68 |
| | June 1985 | June 1986 | June 1987 |
| III. %age of recovery to demand of direct agricultural advances | 43.4 | 46.1 | 52.8 |